

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR MODULATING APOPTOSIS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The invention provides novel modulatory polypeptides of TRAIL-induced apoptosis. The invention also provides methods for screening modulators of TRAIL-induced apoptosis. The methods comprise first screening test agents for modulators of a novel modulatory polypeptide of TRAIL-induced apoptosis and then further screening the identified modulating agents for modulators of TRAIL-induced apoptosis. The invention
10 further provides methods and pharmaceutical compositions for modulating apoptosis of cells and for treating diseases and conditions such as cancers.